Memorandum of Interview of James O. Barnett

On September 27, 1976, I telephoned James O. Barnett, former Deputy Chief, Memphis Fire Department, regarding the detail on April 3rd and 4th 1968 of firemen Norvell Wallace and Floyd Newsum.

Barnett stated that Abby Mann, who was doing a documentary, had called him from California about the same thing. He said the order to detail the men would have had to come from above, because peons in the fire department did not move men around. While he does not recall discussing the matter with Newsum, Barnett said the people on the security detail probably felt better without Wallace and Newsum around.

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